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April 12, 1971

Memorandum for Henry A. Kissinger

From: Al Haig

Subject: Spanish-Greek Relations

Attached at Tab B are two cables from Ambassador Tasca concerning recent developments in Spanish-Greek relations. These reports have been acknowledged.

At Tab A is a memorandum for the President briefly apprising him of these developments.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
SUBJECT: Spanish-Greek Relations

Ambassador Tasca has provided two recent reports which indicate that some of the "seeds planted" during your trip to Spain concerning improvement of Spanish-Greek relations "seem to be sprouting." As you know, Ambassador Tasca visited Spanish Foreign Minister Lopez-Bravo in December and subsequently discussed his conversation with Greek Prime Minister Papadopoulos. Tasca cites the following recent indications of improving relations:

- The Spanish Minister of Public Works is now visiting Athens officially.
- The Greek Minister of Co-ordination plans to attend the opening of the Barcelona Fair in May.
- The Greeks are expecting Spanish Foreign Minister Lopez-Bravo to accept an invitation for an official visit to Greece about mid-May.
- Arrangements are being made for a senior Greek intelligence officer to visit Madrid sometime in May.

Ambassador Tasca feels these developments represent a "cautious but nonetheless potentially quite significant beginning."

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17 MARCH 1971

FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM AMBASSADOR TASCA

REF: WHITE HOUSE 10037

1. PRIME MINISTER GEORGE PAPADO POULOS TOLD ME EVENING MARCH 16 THAT UNDER MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PALAMAS AND SPANISH AMBASSADOR NOW ARRANGING DETAILS OF VISIT OF SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ BRAVO TO GREECE IN MAY OR JUNE.

2. IN ADDITION, PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HAS INSTRUCTED LIEUTENANT GENERAL ALEXANDER HATZIPETROS, DIRECTOR OF THE GREEK INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO MADRID OF A SENIOR GREEK INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SOMETIME IN MAY.

3. PRIME MINISTER PROMISED TO KEEP US FULLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS FIELD.

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FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM AMBASSADOR TASCA ATHENS 1670

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SOME OF THE SEEDS PLANTED DURING THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO SPAIN
AND LATER SEEM TO BE SPROUTING.

A. THE SPANISH MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS IS NOW VISITING
ATHENS OFFICIALLY.

B. THE GREEK MINISTER OF COORDINATION PLANS TO ATTEND
THE OPENING OF THE BARCELONA FAIR IN MAY.

C. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OFFICIALLY,
THE GREEKS ARE EXPECTING SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ-BRAVO
TO ACCEPT AN INVITATION FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO GREECE ABOUT
MID-MAY. THIS REPRESENTS A CAUTIOUS BUT NONETHELESS POTENTIALLY
QUITE SIGNIFICANT BEGINNING.

WITH WARM REGARDS,

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